

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
December 8, 2014

MINUTES

St. John's Properties
1800 N. Prospect Ave
1:00 PM

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the December meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:07pm.

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chair Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of those present. Commissioners present for the meeting of the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities were:

Luis Arroyo
Deb Falk-Palec
John Haupt
Denise Koss
Barbara Leigh
Cheri Mc Grath
Susan Pickering
Meg Steimle
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki
Kathryn Zalewski

Absent or Excused:

Tom Jacobs
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Don Richards

Staff:

Mike Bonk
Tim Ochnikowski

Guests:

Tracy Harrington, MTS

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November)

Commissioner Arroyo moved approval of the minutes. Chair Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as approved.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington indicated that the taxi RFP is out and the proposals are due early January. The assessment pilot project with the UWM PT Department has come to an end and it was very successful. This project was a win-win for both Transit Plus (TP) and UWM PT. 109 Assessments were completed. TP is looking for money to make this project permanent. Discussion took place regarding the assessment pilot project and the great experience that this offers students, the benefits to TP, and back-ups for the TP Appeals Board.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Steimle indicated that there will be a Wil-O-Way Committee meeting next month at 11:30am prior to the full commission meeting at 1pm.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (November)

In addition to the report in the packet, Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that the flyers for office's awareness campaign for January through July of 2015 that highlights the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) have been completed and will be scheduled for printing and distribution. Mr. Bonk has successfully completed the development, testing and posting of a sign language interpreter reservation system for the website and the mobile site. The new tenants for the two facilities are near ready for their move into those facilities in late December and early



January. The Director of Administration (Don Tyler) has submitted his resignation/retirement, effective December 31, 2014. The new director will be the current director of Economic Development.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

Commissioner Leigh indicated that over 200 comments were left on sticky notes at the Art Show at the Airport. Some of those comments were shared with the commission. A document will be created listing all the comments received regarding the Art Show and the performances. This document will be posted on the offices website and will be shared with all commissioners.

Chair Falk-Palec sought ideas on where to display the 2014 Eric Hobbs Award winning piece of art. The commission decided that they prefer a location in the Airport for this piece. Discussion took place regarding the Airport location, a plaque or sign at the location explaining the award and the artist, and seeking approval from the Airport for its placement. The Director was asked to contact the Airport regarding this issue.

Mr. Bonk indicated that Cami, a past Tap the Potential artist, runs an art program at the Criminal Justice Facility. She created a Go Fund Me account, to try to raise funds for art supplies, and had a \$600 goal (equals about two years-worth of supplies). To-date she has raised about \$700. Updates were given regarding the pancake breakfast, snowmobile fest, and the spring recreation and summer camp booklets. We trying some new classes in spring and we're letting people attend for free for the first week to see if they like it and if so, they can then pay for the class. There is a meeting scheduled with Team Triumph in January.

Chair Falk-Palec indicated that the grant request for Adaptive Recreation was approved.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Walz-Chojnacki brought up the Ability Center and asked if staff have any information regarding this. Discussion took place regarding the Ability Center's past presentations and requests of Milwaukee County, land needs, other interested parties, facility design and features.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 1:59pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, January 12, 2014 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk & Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission